(c) what steps are being taken by Government to supply adequate Dak materials to meet the demand of these Post Offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) Occasional shortage of dak material due to non receipt from Stamps Depot have come to notice, (c) The supply was arranged by diversion from other offices.

Opening of Post Offices and Branch Post Offices at Darjeeling in West Bengal

3384. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and locations of post offices and branch post offices that are there under the three hill subdivisions of Darjeeling district; and

(b) what are the details of post offices and branch post offices proposed to be opened during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The names and locations of Post Offices and Branch Post Offices that are under the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling district are being ascertained and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) While it is proposed to expand the postal network during the Eighth Five Year Plan period, it is not feasible to give the details of post offices and branch post offices proposed to be opened during this period in the three hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling district as the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

Mobile Telephone Facility at the State Level

3385. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to provide mobile telephone facilities at the State level also;

(b) whether such facilities are proposed to be provided at the districts which are industrially advanced; and

(c) if "so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Tenders for franchising cellular mobile telephone service have been invited from Indian Companies for only four areas covering Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

संगम विहार, नई दिल्ली में डाक-वितरण डाकघर का खोला जाना

3386. **श्री चतुरानन मिश्रः** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या संगम विहार, नई दिल्ली में एक डाक-वितरण डाकघर खोलने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक खोले जाने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी॰ वी॰ रंगैया नायडू): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Norms for Transfer of Telephones

3387. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) What are the criteria laid down by MTNL, Delhi for transfer of telephones in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) whether MTNL proposes to liberalise the terms for transfer of telephones from one subscriber to another needy subscriber so as to stop malpractices of middlemen and brokers;